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Senior Community Services Recognized for Service to LGBT Elders

Minneapolis, April 2, 2015 - On May 7th, Training to Serve will present its 2015 John Yoakam Award for Service to LGBT Elders to **Senior Community Services**, based in Minnetonka, MN.

“Senior Community Services, led by Deb Taylor, CEO, has been very proactive in bringing TTS training to their staff and volunteers. Deb is a big advocate of preparing her agency to meet the unique needs and barriers of LGBT older adults,” said TTS Board Chair, Rebecca Heltzer. “Senior Community Services is also an active charter member of the LGBT Aging Systems Change collaborative in the Twin Cities,” Heltzer noted.

Training to Serve established the Yoakam Award to annually honor a Minnesota organization that strives to provide an environment where compassionate care for LGBT older adults can flourish. The Award is named in memory of John Yoakam, an advocate for aging within the Twin Cities LGBT community. The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation was the 2014 recipient.

YOAKAM AWARD PRESENTATION

Training to Serve Benefit, Thursday, May 7

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Gale Mansion, Minneapolis

See www.trainingtoserve.org for more details about the benefit.

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About Training to Serve

Training to Serve provides education, tools, and resources to Minnesota providers of aging services to help improve the quality of life of LGBT people as they age. Since 2010, TTS has provided LGBT aging sensitivity training to more than 5,000 aging service professionals.

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